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Nixon Names Peter Brennan

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President Nixon today named Peter J. Brennan, a New York labor union leader, to replace James D. Hodgson as secretary of labor in his second-term Cabinet.

Brennan is president of the New York City Building and Construction Trades Council.

In announcing his selection, White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told newsmen at Camp David that Brennan is a 'spirited, self-made' man who has "retained a unique sensitivity with the rank and file working man."

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Ziegler said Hodgson, having served four years in the Labor Department as undersecretary and then secretary, had expressed a desire to return to private life.

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But he said the President asked Hodgson to consider "another high level responsibility in the international area."

He added that Hodgson now is considering that possibility together with other opportunities available to him in the private sector.

The Hodgson replacement was the only appointment announced by the President today. Ziegler promised more announcements at the White House tomorrow about personnel changes as the President works to inject new vitality into his second administration.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the President's reorganization is expected to bring a new

director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

William J. Casey, now chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, is in line to take over the CIA, replacing the present director, Richard Helm, a White House source said.

Casey has been undergoing foreign policy briefings from presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger in the last few days.

Ziegler discouraged speculation that D.C. Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson may be named to replace Jerris Leonard as head of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

"I don't know that you should run with that speculation," Ziegler told a reporter asking about it.

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